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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. These references were cited in parallel German patent applications and in a European Search Report.

The contents of the citations which are in the German language can be summarized as follows:

DE 202 03 221 U1

This citation discloses an emergency release device for a door operator for decoupling a motorized door from a motor operator assembly under emergency conditions. There is provided on the door leaf a switching device which engages a blocking mechanism only in the closing position of the door. If engaged by the switching device, the blocking mechanism is released and actuation of the emergency release device is possible. If the door is moved in an opening position, the switching device disengages from the blocking mechanism. In this condition, the blocking mechanism blocks actuation of the emergency release device.

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A door operator is disclosed. There is no emergency release device, but a manual drive for emergency cases. In case of power failure, this manual drive can be connected with a shaft of the motor of the door operator. Then, this shaft can be manually rotated, and the door can be opened. In normal operation, the manual drive is disengaged from the door operator.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rule 104. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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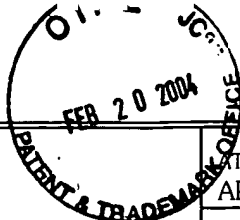


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